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DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER 1984

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains a selection of original and seasonally adjusted historical data, in tabular and graphic form, the source for which are statistics appearing in the ABS's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.80, \$4.60 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. k Wh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W	
				Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.	
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—															
September	10,596		37.5	9,083	9,032	38,180	36,376	509	530	450	440	33.0	29.5	249	202
October	9,707		43.3	9,143	9,270	38,608	40,086	525	535	433	417	30.4	28.7	223	188
November	10,315	20,094	40.9	8,800	9,253	35,308	37,543	488	520	446	424	34.5	30.3	246	201
December	7,217		30.2	8,741	9,353	30,234	36,995	513	514	434	438	25.9	29.2	213	208
January	6,506		32.1	8,492	9,363	28,801	35,497	521	503	244	369	12.3	37.7	190	255
February	10,260	20,791	38.1	8,795	9,427	33,034	37,732	474	494	451	454	30.9	30.7	202	200
March	10,489		33.6	9,354	9,556	35,294	37,365	539	520	471	442	27.9	33.6	208	197
April	7,919		24.6	8,796	9,477	33,181	36,521	468	503	408	427	36.7	31.8	152	183
May	11,799	22,670	29.7	10,072	9,625	40,797	36,447	543	517	503	459	39.5	39.5	152	165
June	10,843		45.7	10,174	9,379	42,335	36,043	532	521	462	446	31.3	30.5	181	194
1984-85—															
July	11,280		41.9	11,308	9,755	46,095	36,456	565	522	482	453	37.9	33.1	194	190
August	11,794		39.7	10,726	9,624	42,404	36,802	535	506	503	475	40.6	30.0	231	192
September	11,032	n.y.a.	38.3	9,789	9,874	41,060	39,144	534	572	471	472	35.8	34.9	175	144
October	12,931		40.3	9,722	9,729	38,420	39,421	546	547	488	470	37.7	33.3	199	160
November	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	9,356	9,832	36,136	38,884	494	523	553	514	38.1	33.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

PRODUCTION—continued															1983-84		1984-85	
Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.			
1983-84—																		
September	3,794	3,126	856	864	14,529	13,177	187	171	376.7	656	487	101,870	81.7					
October	2,943	2,642	903	826	12,750	11,631	180	170	378.7	769	479	106,978	80.0	33,860	33,898			
November	2,948	3,010	1,170	861	13,656	12,635	171	165	380.1	723	470	90,438	73.9					
December	2,385	2,735	628	725	9,510	11,381	139	152	381.8	661	479	48,911	78.5					
January	869	2,490	565	929	5,337	13,677	135	155	383.8	551	473	33,962	75.0	34,389	34,385			
February	2,603	2,596	1,085	820	12,899	13,069	160	159	385.0	440	492	43,552	76.5					
March	3,656	3,077	966	895	14,794	13,293	161	159	386.1	381	505	47,363	73.9					
April	2,565	2,841	746	819	11,628	12,960	144	157	387.9	313	507	32,390	75.9					
May	3,515	3,251	920	904	13,011	11,623	175	161	390.3	293	535	34,959	78.0	(e)35,140	(e)35,252			
June	3,918	3,279	716	794	15,132	12,862	174	190	392.2	282	558	34,184	77.2					
1984-85—																		
July	3,467	3,412	755	761	14,091	12,360	178	174	395.0	p344	p518	43,878	p80.0	36,427	36,242			
August	3,169	2,646	844	825	14,366	12,689	p171	p165	397.0	p493	p489	p82,280	p81.8					
September	3,462	3,046	761	815	14,435	13,754	n.y.a.	p147	399.6	p640	p640	p104,257	p81.3					
October	2,973	2,639	840	669	14,772	13,114	p168	p145	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					
November	3,044	2,947	1,031	821	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (e) New series. Results of a sample survey which is subject to revision each year prior to the June quarter survey. For further information see paragraphs 4 and 5 of publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.					
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1983-84—					211		-636	382	10,672
September	1,870	1,851			209		-595	1,858	11,621
October	1,991	1,923			208	113.9	-426	921	12,009
November	2,081	1,915	4,743	4,471	207		-298	1,449	13,350
December	2,010	1,786			207		-431	268	12,796
January	2,120	1,956			207	113.0	-610	337	12,373
February	2,005	2,012	4,942	4,810	206		-640	306	12,241
March	2,103	2,130			205		-167	85	12,217
April	1,990	1,630	5,194	5,076	206	p114.6	-1,027	942	12,297
May	2,145	2,559			209		-628	283	12,417
June	2,472	2,253							
1984-85—					213		-1,045	1,114	12,632
July	2,465	2,471	5,567	5,392	214	n.y.a.	-941	1,183	12,618
August	2,298	2,624			p214		-405	134	12,431
September	2,543	2,158			p213		-1,125	886	12,024
October	2,317	2,608			n.y.a.		-807	1,030	12,066
November	n.y.a.	2,455							

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—												
August	3,455	3,543	5,262	5,354	3,320	3,439	1,712	1,786	42.6	37.2	11.7	10.8
September	3,485	3,573							36.4	37.2	10.3	10.6
October	3,528	3,625							34.2	36.2	10.1	10.4
November	3,779	3,639	5,886	5,494	4,211	3,600	2,227	1,876	38.9	37.7	11.1	11.4
December	5,027	3,652							38.2	38.8	11.3	12.5
January	3,385	3,667							31.6	38.2	10.0	12.5
February	3,374	3,664	5,397	5,459	3,223	3,655	1,770	1,889	37.4	38.2	12.2	12.1
March	3,641	3,675							42.8	41.3	14.4	13.1
April	r3,457	r3,701							34.7	38.7	11.6	12.4
May	r3,807	r3,688	5,450	5,607	3,538	3,549	1,802	1,308	46.2	41.4	14.8	13.2
June	r3,540	r3,703							42.9	41.4	14.6	13.1
1984-85—												
July	3,600	3,804							42.3	39.5	15.3	14.1
August	3,707	3,768	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p42.5	37.2	14.4	13.3
September	3,563	3,785							37.7	40.8	11.5	12.7
October	3,865	3,864							p43.5	p42.5	p13.3	p12.6

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: July 1984 \$206m; August 1984 \$204m; September 1984 \$168m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Award rates of pay indexes, adult persons 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1983-84—			185.3										
July			185.3	(b)1.20	129.4	125.6	117.8	127.4	129.1	130.9	131.2	164.5	113.2
August	349.70	228.30	185.4										
September			193.5										
October			193.5	1.34	132.5	127.2	120.4	130.5	132.8	134.5	139.5	167.9	113.5
November	362.00	237.20	193.6	(d)1.09									
December			193.6										
January			193.6										
February	(c)370.60	(c)246.50	193.8	1.05	132.0	129.2	120.9	132.6	133.7	135.5	142.0	135.5	115.9
March			193.8										
April			201.9										
May	383.80	257.10	202.0	1.11	132.3	128.8	124.4	135.5	134.8	138.1	145.5	118.2	115.4
June			202.0										
1984-85—			202.0										
July			202.0	1.06	134.0	131.6	124.9	137.9	136.2	139.7	147.5	118.2	116.7
August	386.20	256.20	202.0										
September			202.0										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100. (b) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. (c) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, March Quarter 1984 Preliminary* (6301.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). (d) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Overtime, Australia, February 1984* (6330.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)(c)			
										Materials used in building (a)	Materials used in other than building(b)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1983-84—															
August	1,014.5	933.9	12.4	11.6	186.9	2,782.2	2,648.0	31.7	30.3	p433.3	p444.1	822.6	828.5	2,732.1	2,767.0
September	979.8	940.5	12.5	12.2	156.4					p436.4	p445.1				
October	973.5	974.2	12.5	12.2	169.6					p439.9	p446.1				
November	962.7	929.2	12.9	12.0	217.0	2,847.4	2,970.5	34.2	33.7	p442.6	p447.2	932.9	833.8	2,745.2	2,590.7
December	898.3	967.9	12.0	13.2	195.2					p445.6	p447.7				
January	759.0	953.7	9.9	12.4	180.3					p440.9	p448.2				
February	957.8	1,036.5	12.9	13.5	147.0	2,661.7	2,717.9	33.1	35.7	p457.0	p449.1	740.9	868.7	2,395.8	2,761.5
March	1,128.7	1,077.8	14.2	13.2	161.3					p468.8	p450.0				
April	1,007.6	1,105.4	12.1	12.7	237.1					p462.6	p450.9				
May	1,308.9	1,125.8	15.8	13.7	326.1	3,560.6	3,518.9	38.0	37.6	p465.6	p451.6	907.6	885.2	3,146.8	2,884.8
June	1,121.3	1,080.9	13.2	13.2	212.5					p466.1	p452.1				
1984-85—															
July	1,183.4	1,125.8	13.9	13.8	160.4					p467.8	p452.5				
August	1,235.9	1,144.2	15.1	14.3	190.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p469.8	p453.0	867.7	863.3	267.1	2,824.4
September	1,007.0	1,054.3	12.4	12.6	156.5					p471.5	p453.5				
October	1,216.4	1,119.6	14.0	12.7	165.2					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100. (b) Base: 1979-80 = 100. (c) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)		Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m		Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m				Advances \$m		Permanent building societies \$m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	\$m	\$m			
1983-84—												
September	31,528	31,661	31,629	31,775	24,256	24,279	28,294	448	211	118	12.60	2,952
October	31,822	31,934	31,923	31,961	24,928	24,625	28,218	474	236	117	12.00	3,399
November	32,091	32,189	32,234	31,855	25,231	25,132	28,321	570	314	142	11.00	4,182
December	33,181	33,009	32,952	32,657	25,642	25,514	28,500	467	303	131	11.60	3,626
January	33,861	33,480	32,554	32,576	25,351	25,576	28,259	483	274	122	12.05	4,420
February	34,308	33,778	32,999	32,777	25,280	25,793	28,249	627	340	145	12.35	4,230
March	33,899	33,804	33,414	32,994	25,836	26,129	28,389	600	368	155	12.70	4,381
April	33,255	33,671	33,764	33,505	26,596	26,339	28,398	516	324	133	12.35	6,488
May	33,745	34,084	33,707	33,795	26,569	26,268	28,860	635	374	152	12.70	6,114
June	34,328	34,257	33,749	34,358	26,444	26,541	29,473	567	300	136	12.25	5,052
1984-85—												
July	(g)34,077	(g)34,203	34,459	34,837	26,846	26,705	29,775	590	330	117	12.10	n.y.a.
August	34,286	34,367	35,105	35,246	26,927	27,013	30,214	678	336	117	11.10	n.y.a.
September	34,650	34,804	35,562	35,686	27,390	27,421	30,454	630	285	112	11.85	n.y.a.
October	34,982	35,119	35,714	35,604	28,323	27,974	n.y.a.	784	315	128	12.10	n.y.a.
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	36,139	35,897	28,220	28,115	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.50	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to change in accounting arrangements by one bank.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1982-83— June	40,467	41,533	691	1,400	39,776	40,133	25,837	26,128	7,825	7,483	6,063	5,746	4,012	3,430
1983-84— September	42,867	43,871	1,444	2,357	41,423	41,514	27,051	27,135	7,435	7,585	5,494	5,571	3,469	3,780
December	50,315	45,236	4,450	2,249	45,865	42,987	29,604	28,014	8,084	7,719	6,302	5,974	3,661	3,500
March	45,125	47,146	2,145	2,254	42,980	44,892	27,528	28,557	7,713	8,325	5,236	5,791	3,507	3,988
June	46,928	49,016	1,080	2,361	45,848	46,655	28,665	28,988	8,859	8,472	6,906	6,616	4,151	3,506
1984-85— September	48,028	48,871	1,422	2,021	46,606	46,850	29,266	29,531	8,790	8,964	6,131	6,171	3,714	4,075

AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES

1982-83— June	29,017	30,029	872	1,511	28,145	28,518	18,787	18,971	5,520	5,275	4,333	4,104	2,752	2,352
1983-84— September	30,518	31,344	1,505	2,180	29,013	29,164	19,283	19,372	5,259	5,358	3,930	3,987	2,365	2,577
December	35,475	31,535	3,877	2,071	31,598	29,464	20,713	19,574	5,434	5,256	4,452	4,222	2,429	2,321
March	30,830	32,282	1,937	2,053	28,893	30,229	18,913	19,645	5,251	5,603	3,710	4,105	2,309	2,627
June	31,322	32,983	1,153	2,211	30,169	30,772	19,487	19,684	5,788	5,533	4,797	4,591	2,667	2,251
1984-85— September	32,037	32,693	1,488	1,927	30,549	30,766	19,587	19,800	5,722	5,827	4,198	4,227	2,369	2,600

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Gross operating surplus (of trading enterprises)															
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies				Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1982-83—June	6,852	6,913	6,201	6,134	4,580	4,836	6,980	8,239	22,984	22,760	-275	14,056	9,026	27,739		
1983-84—September	7,395	7,232	6,513	6,563	5,154	5,136	9,370	9,926	22,937	23,067	459	12,690	5,215	30,871		
December	7,153	7,202	6,922	6,813	6,189	5,226	13,003	9,918	25,261	24,261	3,215	15,239	5,621	38,094		
March	7,625	7,686	6,978	7,030	5,537	6,310	9,608	10,271	23,726	24,398	1,036	12,910	7,071	30,602		
June	8,134	8,212	7,393	7,320	5,849	6,162	8,411	10,430	25,802	25,835	-5	15,653	10,858	30,592		
1984-85—September	9,281	9,079	8,041	8,234	5,787	5,768	10,164	10,372	25,820	26,070	316	14,356	7,036	33,456		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

Month	CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)						UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (' 000)			JOB VACANCIES (' 000)		
	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons
												Survey estimates
1983-84—												
September	4,406.7	4,388.4	2,672.4	2,650.4	7,079.1	7,038.8	410.3	208.8	101.9	435.0	285.9	720.9
October	4,359.3	4,379.8	2,630.0	2,634.6	6,989.3	7,014.4	384.5	183.0	85.6	400.8	252.3	653.1
November	4,352.6	4,388.7	2,649.7	2,647.9	7,002.3	7,036.6	365.5	176.7	82.6	385.9	238.9	624.7
December	4,448.0	4,399.3	2,698.4	2,655.3	7,146.4	7,054.6	391.3	210.1	88.6	419.8	270.2	690.0
January	4,402.1	4,386.9	2,569.9	2,656.5	6,972.0	7,043.4	424.0	212.9	82.5	452.5	266.9	719.4
February	4,436.2	4,401.4	2,668.0	2,657.1	7,104.2	7,058.5	413.2	228.6	96.4	435.8	302.3	738.2
March	4,457.1	4,431.0	2,748.2	2,697.9	7,205.3	7,128.9	380.0	212.1	108.9	404.7	296.3	701.0
April	4,422.2	4,433.3	2,733.5	2,727.5	7,155.8	7,160.9	364.3	207.7	104.8	385.6	291.2	676.7
May	4,421.5	4,426.8	2,706.1	2,699.3	7,127.5	7,126.1	356.5	192.7	87.8	382.2	254.8	637.0
June	4,417.2	4,448.2	2,715.7	2,731.0	7,132.8	7,179.2	349.7	189.5	94.9	375.0	259.1	634.1
1984-85—												
July	4,422.3	4,435.6	2,699.5	2,709.6	7,121.8	7,145.2	339.9	175.3	80.4	357.8	237.8	595.7
August	4,393.9	4,430.7	2,673.0	2,697.4	7,066.9	7,128.1	359.0	165.1	80.5	381.5	223.1	604.6
September	4,435.8	4,415.8	2,758.4	2,732.2	7,194.2	7,147.9	349.1	168.9	103.3	376.8	244.5	621.3
October	4,402.2	4,419.1	2,721.2	2,721.4	7,123.4	7,140.5	326.1	163.6	89.1	351.2	227.7	578.8
November	4,396.0	4,428.0	2,738.8	2,734.6	7,134.8	7,162.6	320.6	167.0	82.7	340.3	230.0	570.3

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see the November 1983 issue of 6231.0. (d) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Job Vacancies, Australia, February 1984* (6231.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

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Month	PERSONS (' 000)											
	Australia											
	Government											
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Common-wealth	State(h)	Local
1983—												
July	1,768.9	1,375.6	736.0	429.1	449.1	136.6	42.6	100.5	3,405.7	408.0	1,081.9	142.6
August	1,778.3	1,384.3	740.3	430.7	452.5	137.7	43.1	101.3	3,430.5	410.0	1,084.8	143.0
September	1,777.8	1,386.2	743.3	432.1	449.8	137.4	43.1	101.2	3,431.0	410.5	1,086.0	143.5
October	1,793.2	1,368.4	747.5	439.3	449.7	137.4	45.9	102.8	3,439.7	412.6	1,087.9	144.0
November	1,807.6	1,378.1	747.1	442.6	451.4	138.8	45.7	104.7	3,468.7	415.9	1,086.6	144.8
December	1,803.1	1,379.3	739.3	445.5	454.4	139.9	44.8	105.6	3,481.0	418.0	1,067.6	145.3
January	1,753.2	1,339.7	730.7	431.8	430.7	134.7	43.7	102.8	3,375.1	417.4	1,031.6	143.3
February	1,782.4	1,367.0	739.3	441.4	437.4	137.0	44.3	104.5	3,426.6	420.1	1,059.5	147.3
March	1,796.5	1,374.0	743.6	443.1	441.6	138.6	44.8	107.1	3,434.0	422.1	1,084.2	149.1
April	1,792.5	1,374.5	743.0	450.4	448.1	139.5	45.5	107.8	3,437.0	421.7	1,091.1	151.5
May	1,790.5	1,375.0	753.2	452.6	451.3	139.9	46.3	109.1	3,461.2	422.3	1,081.8	152.8
June	1,798.5	1,383.7	751.5	451.1	451.1	137.2	46.8	108.9	3,459.9	419.9	1,094.8	154.3

(a) New Series. Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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